

**TOWN OF GRANBY
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU
Minutes
October 12, 2011**

PRESENT: Donna Snyder, Chairman; Emily Boone, Jack Cashman, AnneMarie Cox, Michael Garcia, KerryAnn Kielbasa, Laura Matheos, Matt McDermott, Linda Pollock, Michele Psutka, Jeff Rackliff, Chief Carl Rosensweig, Shirley Ryan

Chairman Donna Snyder confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

ON A MOTION BY Jeff Rackliff, seconded by Jack Cashman, the Board voted (10-0-0) to accept the minutes of September 14, 2011 as written. It should be noted that Matt McDermott has not been sworn in as of yet.

GRANBY PREVENTION COUNCIL UPDATE:

Kerry Kielbasa gave the following update:

- The Drug-Free Community grant application was denied. Ms. Kielbasa received the peer reviewer scores last week and sent them to John Daviau to get clarification. Additional information will be give once she gets his feedback. He will also come out to meet with the GPC and talk about the process. A score of "outstanding" was given to Coalition's History, while a score of "marginal" was given to Coalition's Oversight of Budgeted Funds. Another weak area was how to address the use of marijuana. Agencies that were funded scored between 90 and 95. We scored a 77.
- The GPC will try to continue with activities but those that would have been funded by the grant won't be done. The focus will be on one major project and parent and youth education.
- The Search Institute survey won't be done again until the Fall of 2012.
- There will be a high school/middle school wellness fair which is receiving support from the high school.
- Wayne Kowal from the CT State Police Narcotics Task Force will be coming out again to provide a presentation, which will also include a panel.

YOUTH COUNSELOR REPORT:

AnneMarie Cox gave the following report:

- GO (Guys Only) for boys in 6th and 7th grade will begin this Friday. Some of their outings include a trip to the Hayes corn maze and several meetings at the YMCA.

- WOW is up and running.
- A copy of HAZE was given to Diane Dugas, Director of Curriculum, who will take it to the Curriculum Committee and the high school principal.
- HAZE was shown to the LPC. Most individuals hadn't seen it and the overwhelming response was that it was excellent and should be shown.
- The YMCA has offered to host a showing of HAZE at no cost.
- Parents who agree with a showing at the high school, should send an e-mail to the administration asking them to do so. If the administration doesn't want to show it, we need to know why.
- There will be a roundtable discussion on 'Positive Communication with Your Teen' on Monday, November 14th at the Youth Services Building.

YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL REPORT:

Anne Marie Cox gave the following report:

- YAC held their first meeting of the year. Two representatives will begin coming to the YSB.
- YAC will view HAZE and give their feedback.
- The sixth grade dance will be held on December 9th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Action Items:

Three sub-committees were formed last year and everyone should be on one of them:

- Membership & Governance: Donna Snyder, Kerry Kielbasa
- Asset Management: Mike Garcia, Shirley Ryan, Michele Psutka, AnneMarie Cox
- Marketing & Publicity: Jack Cashman, Laura Matheos, Mark McDermott, Emily Boone, Tom Tyburski.

Some updates on discussions from last month's meeting include:

- Donna Snyder, AnneMarie Cox and Laura Matheos met regarding getting information to the middle school, elementary school and the intermediate schools. They will attempt one more time to appeal to the schools and the superintendent in regard to getting information on the weekly e-blast. The PTO felt if they allowed the YSB access to their data bank, they would need to let everyone. If they don't want to allow access to the database, tagging onto their database will be requested.
- Any showings of HAZE will be coordinated with the GPC Events Committee. Mike Garcia will contact the Chair to inform them of showings.

NEW BUSINESS

Sub-Committee Forward Plans:

- Marketing & Publicity will work on getting information out about HAZE once showings are determined.
- Jack Cashman suggested creating posters to be distributed to town businesses. Linda Pollock also suggested they could hand them out to their customers who have high school children.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Jeff Rackliff, seconded Michael Garcia, the bureau voted (10-0-0) to adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane
Recording Secretary